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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claims 7-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Pannu v. Storz Instruments Inc.*, 258 F.3d 1366, 59 USPQ2d 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2001); *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984). A broadening aspect is present in the reissue which was not present in the application for patent. The record of the application for the patent shows that the broadening aspect (in the reissue) relates to claim subject matter that applicant previously surrendered during the prosecution of the application. Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader scope of claim subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

Claims 7-16 are broader than claims 67-81 as presented in the original application. For example, claims 7-16 do not recite that the boron nitride was made by the method steps as recited in claims 67-69 of the original application, or that the crystalline turbostratic boron nitride has a (001) diffraction peak in an X-ray powder diffraction diagram with Cu K X-ray which corresponds to the diffraction of hexagonal boron nitride having a half-peak height width of 0.6 or less in 2θ , as recited in claim 70 of the original application. Applicant argued such narrowed limitations to obviate rejections in the response filed on October 10, 2000 in the original application (Paper

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No. 13). See MPEP 1412.02 for a synopsis of the recapture rule for reissue applications.

Claims 7-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being based upon new matter added to the patent for which reissue is sought. The added material which is not supported by the prior patent is as follows: The specific X-ray diffraction patterns as recited in claims 7-12, and the specific limitations recited in claims 13-16, do not find support in the original application. Applicant is invited to point out where in the original specification support lies for such limitations. See MPEP 1411.02.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Shore et al. Shore et al disclose crystalline turbostratic boron nitride in the Abstract; at col. 4, lines 9-12; and col. 6, lines 61-66. It would be expected that the crystalline turbostratic boron nitride of Shore et al

would show the diffraction peak pattern as recited in claims 7-16, since the boron nitride is crystalline as opposed to amorphous.

Claims 7-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over either Parrish et al or Koeda et al. Since Parrish et al and Koeda et al fully disclose the process steps recited in claims 46-66 of the original application, crystalline boron nitride having the X-ray diffraction pattern as recited in applicant's claims would inherently be produced, absent evidence to the contrary.

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414) because of the following:

The Declaration submitted by applicants does not state that the person making the Declaration is the "original and first" inventor. The Declaration merely states "original inventor". See 37 CFR 1.63(a)(1). The Declaration also does not properly identify at least one 35 USC 251 error being relied upon as a basis for the reissue. The Declaration merely states that applicants failed to file a continuation application directed to some or all of the claims that were present in the parent application. Failure to maintain copendency to file a continuation application is not a proper 35 USC 251 error, as such failure would not constitute a "word, phrase, or expression in the specification or in an original claim which would render the original patent wholly or partly inoperative or invalid". See MPEP 1414 II.

Claims 1-16 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue Declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

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The nature of the defect(s) in the Declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

The specification is objected to under 37 CFR 1.173 (d). The preliminary amendment filed on October 23, 2003 is improper in that there is no underlining of the newly presented paragraph in the specification.

Claims 6-16 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.173 (d). The claims are improper in that they are not underlined.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wayne Langel whose telephone number is 571-272-1353. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Fridays from 8 to 3:30.

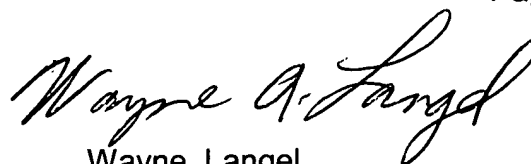
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman, can be reached on 571-272-1358. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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